

Dr. Chism announces retirement as president of MacArthur Tech.

Dr. Raymond V. Chism, president of MacArthur State Technical College in Opp, Alabama, announced his retirement at a joint dinner meeting of the Institutional Advisory Council on the MacArthur Foundation Board of Directors recently. Chism will retire August 31.

In his remarks, Chism stated that the college is one of the most fiscally sound and progressive two-year colleges in the state. He told the group that the institution has not experienced an audit exception or finding during his administration, and he was confident that the college would continue to uphold the highest standards of quality in programs and student services.

Sharing credit with his faculty and staff for progress during his administration, Chism highlighted significant events during his presidency. Chism stated that he was proud of the caliber of the college's faculty and staff and emphasized their contributions to the college's growth and viability.

Elba native Dr. Linda Young, president of Sparks State Technical College in Eufaula, stated that the Alabama College System will miss his many contributions to education. "Dr. Chism is known throughout the Southeast as an active voice for technical education, and he knows the career potential technical training can provide for Alabama citizens," she said.

Chism began his career as a teacher of business education and English at Brantley High School in 1955 soon after graduation from Troy State University. After a tour with the Army was complete, he taught two more years in Brantley, until accepting a job with Opp High School teaching business and English subjects.

ATTENTION VETERAN

Frank D. Wilkes, Director, Alabama Department of Veterans Affairs, announces that the department's State Veterans Home Program is proudly operating 450 beds in three state-of-the-art facilities which provide comprehensive, cost-efficient nursing services to Alabama's deserving veterans. The homes provide: primary physician services, drugs and pharmaceuticals, laundry services, hygienic supplies, around the clock RN supervision, basic transportation and extensive social services and activities for a net cost of \$39.20 per day to the veteran or his/her family. Alabama's veteran World War II veterans are in the era where increased healthcare needs can severely tax spouses and loved ones. The state veterans homes offer an alternative, one in which each resident receives quality nursing care in a first-rate facility and share a common core of experiences with other residents. Veterans from all wartime eras are eligible; contact your county veterans service officer for more information and applications.

Donations are solicited for the Veterans Home Trust Fund that will be used to continue the operations and up keep of our three veterans homes. Anyone contributing \$1250, \$2500, or \$5000 will have their name and organization engraved on a 3"x4" plaque and mounted on the door of the room they are sponsoring. A copy of veterans home print can be purchased for \$35 each. Please make checks payable to: Alabama Veterans Home Trust Fund. Mail to: Department of Veterans Affairs, P.O. Box 1509; Montgomery, AL 36102-1509. These state veterans homes are one more way the Alabama Department of Veterans Affairs is "Proudly Serving America's Finest."

Short, Johnson, Vann & Sprattling re-elected to A.R.E.A. Board of Directors

Charles E. Short, of Andalusia, and R.R. Johnson, of Dozier, Jim Vann, of Andalusia, and B.B. Sprattling, of Roba, were re-elected to the Alabama Rural Electric Association of Cooperatives' Board of Directors April 11 during the association's 49th annual meeting in Montgomery.

Short, general manager of Covington Electric Cooperative in Andalusia, will serve as secretary-treasurer of the association's board of directors. Johnson, chairman of the Covington Electric Cooperative Board of Trustees, will serve on the association's Training and Development Committee. Vann, president of Alabama Electric Cooperative in Andalusia, will serve on the association's Legislative and Strategic Planning Committees. Sprattling, a member of the Alabama Electric Cooperative Board of Trustees, will serve on the association's Member Services Committee.

The annual meeting, which was held April 10 and 11 in Montgomery, attracted more than 500 rural electric leaders and supporters from across the state.

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SUSPECT ASSAILANT BEING HELD UNDER \$300,000 BOND-CHARGES FROM OTHER COUNTIES POSSIBLE

Law enforcement agencies' combined efforts lead to swift arrest

The Coffee County Sheriff's Department is investigating the early morning gunpoint abduction and attempted sexual assault of an Elba woman.

An Enterprise man, Kevin Gerald Scott, age 18, has been arrested and is being held in the Coffee County Jail. He is charged with kidnapping in the second degree, first-degree sodomy, and attempted rape.

At 2:35 a.m., Friday morning, May 3, New Brockton police found an abandoned pick-up truck with the driver's side window broken out. The vehicle was found in the ditch on U.S. Hwy. 84 between Enterprise and New Brockton.

Police officers found the vehicle with the engine running. Also, officers discovered a lady's purse and shoes in the truck.

Because of the suspicious nature of the incident, a deputy sheriff was requested to assist the New Brockton police officer.

At 2:59 a.m., the Coffee County Jail received a call from a resident on Co. Rd. 531 in the Bethany Community located just south of New Brockton. The caller stated that a female had come to the residence stating that she has been sexually assaulted.

Upon arrival at the residence, deputies learned that the female victim had been forced off the road, abducted at gunpoint, and taken to a rural location where the attempted sexual assault occurred.

The victim's assailant had released her and she had walked to the residence and reported the incident. According to the sheriff's department, similar incidents are being investigated by the Dale and Geneva County Sheriff's Departments.

The arrest of Scott came after a day of intensive investigation by the sheriff's department. The Alabama Bureau of Investigation and Department of Forensic Science assisted in the investigation.

After Scott entered the vehicle, he was taken into custody without incident. Dale County and Geneva County Sheriff's Departments, along with the 12th Judicial Circuit District Attorney's Office, assisted in the investigation. Other charges are expected to be filed against Scott from the neighboring counties.

New Brockton Town Council meeting smooth

by Marvin McIlwain - Editor

The New Brockton Town Council meeting, with a fifteen item agenda, lasted just over an hour Monday evening.

After approving meeting minutes from previous meetings and bills totalling \$5,289.09, the council moved through the remaining business in an orderly fashion.

Only two council members turned in names of individuals to serve as election officials in the upcoming municipal election. Other members of the council will have to submit their recommendations before May 30th.

A one-hour class has been scheduled for this date to train the persons who will serve as election officials. This is required by law. The council also approved the payment of \$40.00 per day per election to those individuals who will be overseeing the election process.

In other money matters, the council approved an emergency loan agreement for \$5,000 to be used to pay for the paving of South John Street.

The council agreed to ask the town's water board for the \$5,000 since the need for resurfacing is due to damage done by the water department in 1989.

There was also a brief discussion concerning alternate means of collecting delinquent court costs and fines owed the town.

The proposal is to use a private collection agency. If this is done, there will be an additional forty-five percent of the fine and/or court cost to pay the agency's fees.

A total of \$22,762.00 in delinquent fines and court costs was left on the books when the town's municipal court was abolished and use of the District Court was adopted in 1994.

It was brought to the council's attention that the Senior Citizens Center was raising money to purchase a new van. The cost of the van is \$7,000.00.

It was noted that the group had raised over \$2,000.00 and were asking for the town's citizens to help them with a fund raising campaign - collection of aluminum cans.

A drop-off point has been established at the rear of the Senior Citizens Center building. Cans may be dropped off during the weekdays between the hours of 8:00 a.m. and 3:00 p.m.

Also, the "seniors" are asking for donations of items to be used in a giant seniors' yard sale, scheduled in the near future. Arrangements can be made for large items to be picked up by calling Joy Kelley at 894-2028.

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NOTICE

There will be scheduled electrical outages Saturday, May 11, from 1:00 p.m. until 3:00 p.m. The streets that current will be off are: Martin Luther King Drive, Luther Mill Road, Highland Drive, Brantley Highway, Sunset Boulevard, Troy Highway, Bypass 203, Smith Avenue, Buford Street, Yelverton Street, U.S. Highway 84, and Old Samson Road. Routine repairs will be made to the system.

An update on the search for the superintendent will be presented at this time.

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Jerry Davis enters District 3 county commissioner's race

Jerry Davis has announced his candidacy for Coffee County Commissioner, District 3.

Davis, son of James and Eunice Davis of New Brockton, is a native of Coffee County. He owns and operates Davis Poultry Farms located in the Ito Community.

Davis is married to the former Donna Weathering of the Brad-

HAPPENINGS

FIELD DAY. The Elba Youth Training Center Field Day will be held Saturday, May 11, at 9:00 a.m. at the old Mulberry High School. All young people under the age of 17 are invited to participate in the program.

COMMISSION MEETS. The Coffee County Commission will hold its bi-monthly meeting Monday, May 13, at 9:00 a.m. in the Community Room located in the Farm Center Complex in New Brockton.

CITY COUNCIL MEETING. The Elba City Council will meet Monday evening, May 13, at 6:15 p.m. in the council chamber located in Elba City Hall.

RELAY FOR LIFE. This year's Relay for Life, sponsored by the American Cancer Society, will be held Friday & Saturday, May 17 & 18, 1996, from 7:00 p.m. until 7:00 a.m. The event will take place on the athletic field at Enterprise State Junior College. For more information contact LaWanda Gril at 347-0048 or 393-6848.

BAND DAY AUCTION. There will be a Band Day Auction held Saturday, May 18, on the Courthouse Square in Elba. The auction is scheduled to begin at 11:00 a.m. with items to be auctioned going on display at 10:00 a.m. Everyone is encouraged to come out and support the Elba Tiger Marching Band. For more information contact Rhonda Stephens at 897-3357 or Jeff Ellis at 897-2266.

Kendra Cole is state handwriting champion

A student at New Brockton Elementary School in New Brockton is a State Champion in the National Handwriting Contest.

The contest is sponsored by Parker Pen and Zaner-Bloser, the Nation's leading publisher of handwriting texts.

Kendra Cole, a student in the sixth grade, now competes for the title of National Grade Level Champion and Grand National Champion. She is the daughter of Charles and Barbara Cole of New Brockton.

Fifty state champions, representing fifty states, will receive framed certificates and Parker Jotter Pens. Also, state champions' names will receive Parker Pens as well.

From among the state champions, six national grade level champions (one each in grades 1-6) will each receive a \$500 savings bond, a Parker insignia pen, and an award plaque.

In addition, each national grade level champion, his or her principal, teacher, and classmates will also receive National Handwriting Contest t-shirts. Their teacher will receive a Parker insignia pen and their principal will receive a plaque to display at their school.

One grand national champion will be selected from among the national grade level champions.

Kendra, a student in Ann Allison's class, competed against more than 90,000 students from around the country.

Zaner-Bloser's Master Penman, Dr. Clinton Hackney, now has the difficult task of selecting the six National grade level champions and one grand national champion.

"Teachers tell us the contest motivates students to do their best work," says Richard Norph, vice president of marketing for Zaner-Bloser.

"The extra effort really pays off for the students, because handwriting is a vital skill they'll use for a lifetime," he adds.



STATE HANDWRITING CHAMPION...Pictured above is Kendra Cole (center) accepting her award from Virginia C. Feen, (far left) representing Zaner-Bloser. Joining Kendra are her teacher, Ann Allison (second from left) and her mother and father, Barbara and Charles Cole.

Vicki Hearing of Parker Pen cites studies showing problems poor handwriting causes in the business world.

"Despite high-tech communication devices, every business still depends on pens and paper," Hearing said. "So we want to encourage students to develop good handwriting skills."

Founded in 1888, Columbus, OH-based Zaner-Bloser is the nation's leading publisher of handwriting texts for students in grades K-8. In addition, the company publishes texts and teaching materials on spelling, language arts, critical thinking, and substance abuse prevention.

Also, founded in 1888, Parker Pen is among the best-known writing instrument brand names in the world. A subsidiary of The Gillette Company, Parker Pen is the world leader in fine, high-quality writing instruments, exporting to 120 countries and employing more than 2,400 people worldwide.

EPD investigating downtown burglary

Elba police are investigating an apparent burglary of the local Western Auto Store.

According to Investigator Freddy Hanchey, at approximately 8:30 a.m. on Monday, May 6, a complaint was filed by an employee of the Western Auto Store that the business had been burglarized.

Several items were listed as missing from the store. Included in the list was a television, a camcorder, a scanner, an AM/FM cassette stereo, two VCRs, various hand tools, and an undetermined amount of change.

Police are asking anyone who might have information concerning this crime to call Crimestoppers at 897-3881 or the police department at 897-2555.

Doug Pittman seeks District 2 seat on county commission

Douglas R. Pittman is seeking election to the Coffee County Commission from District 2.

Pittman, of New Brockton, was the only one to qualify for this position on the Democratic ticket; therefore, he is the Democratic nominee.

He is married to Juliana W. Pittman. They have two children, a son Bo, a daughter and son-in-law, Patti and Patrick King, and two grandchildren, Meg and Gray King.

Pittman is a lifelong resident of Coffee County. He graduated from New Brockton High School in 1961 and is employed by an aviation contractor at Ft. Rucker, where he has worked for the past 34 years.

He is a Master Sergeant in the Army Reserve and has been a member of the Alabama National Guard and Army Reserve since 1960.

Pittman is a member of the First Baptist Church of New Brockton, a past president of the New Brockton Exchange Club, a past president and lifetime member of the New Brockton Athletic Club, 34-year member of the International Association of Machinists and Aerospace Workers, and a 30-year member of the New Brockton Masonic Lodge #694.



If elected, Pittman pledges to serve Coffee County to the best of his ability with "courage, exercising wisdom and judgement by prudently using the county's resources."

Doug Pittman asks for your vote and support to develop the most efficient and effective county government in the State of Alabama.

NEWS BRIEFS

A jury composed of nine men and four women (twelve members plus one alternate) began hearing testimony in the Owen Ziglar trial Tuesday morning. In June of 1991, Ziglar was found guilty of manslaughter in the January 1990 shotgun slaying of Edward Lamar Kelley. In November of 1993, the Alabama Court of Criminal Appeals ordered a new trial. A December 1994 trial ended in a mistrial and after several postponements, the trial finally began Tuesday.

Odell Winford Jackson, 72, of Troy, died Sunday when her 1993 Buick collided with a 1991 Nissan driven by Cristy Phillips, 26, of Andalusia. The two-car collision occurred at the intersection of AL Hwy. 134 and Co. Rd. 625 in Fair-masus Community. Louise Grissett, 70, a passenger in Jackson's vehicle, was injured and taken to Medical Center Enterprise where she was listed in stable condition.

BRAINSTORMS

With Ferrin Cox

The City of Elba has another federal lawsuit to defend. Again it is from a terminated employee. The city council fired Police Chief Bruce Peacock on April 23rd and Monday his Montgomery lawyer filed the suit, claiming wrongful termination. No hearing has been held on the termination as of yet. On the night of the termination, the council and the City Attorney told Peacock and his attorney he could have the hearing right then or schedule it later. The lawyer said they would schedule it after they had the specific charges in writing. We understand those were mailed to the lawyer last Thursday. The scheduled hearing apparently is instead another trip to the federal courthouse for city officials. Keep the faith, one of these days Elba is going to win one of these things!

The police department does not have a "chief" or at least no one is wearing the title since the termination of Bruce Peacock. However things appear to be running very smoothly under the direction of ranking officer John Nelson. John's quiet nature and the years of professional training and experience the officers have, combine to allow you and me a safe sleep.

Washington politicians are about to repeal a 4.3¢ gasoline tax imposed several years ago. This is strictly political, because it is election year. We don't like taxes any more than the next person, but until they can find some way to cut the continuing budget deficit, we would keep the taxes rather than incur more debt for our grandchildren to repay.

The Alabama high school graduation requirements are now considered the strongest in the nation. That sounds good at first glance, because the direction of civilization will be based on the amount of education future workers gain. However, to require four years of English, math, science and social studies for ALL graduating students probably means that ugly old "word 'Dumbing Down'" of classed. There are many, many good people who just don't understand higher math concepts and will never need them in their life's work. Therefore, there must be inventive ways to teach and reteach basic math skills for these good folks to pass four years of the subject. The same can be said for science.

Mosquitoes are back ... that is what an "expert" in Florida said last week. He has surely never been to Elba, Alabama, because they ain't never left here. In fact, since last fall when Hurricane Opal came through Alabama, we have had some of those big ol' rascals which could tote off a small pet! We were talking with a neighbor several weeks ago and he complained of not being able to stay out in the yard with his grandchildren after about mid-afternoon, because of the mosquitoes. Maybe this Florida expert would like to have those beasts back!

The Alabama Legislature has passed, and the governor has signed, what was billed as a consumer protection bill, but could be called a power company protection bill. It is supposed to protect the utility company's "stranded costs" if a business decides to buy electricity from another firm after the supply transformers, etc. have been installed by the Alabama company. That is fair, but we don't yet know just who will decide when the utility company has gotten its investment back. Will it be two years, twenty years or two hundred years? If they want to be mean, they can allot all the income from the sold electric power to anything but depreciation of the transformers and 50 years from now, a company will be charged the million dollars (plus interest) spent on transformers at the beginning. We are just scared of protectionist laws and regulations ... they don't always protect those they are designed to help.

Those who own Dorsey Trailer stock are grinning lately. After months of steady dropping stock prices, the Dorsey Trailer stock has taken a couple of upward jumps this week.

ELBA POLICE REPORT

APRIL 30 Thru MAY 6, 1996

The Elba Police Department, beginning Tuesday, April 30, 1996, investigated the following incidents: three assaults, one harassment, one burglary, two possessions of marijuana, one leash law violation, two thefts of property, one forgery, one illegal breaking and entering of a vehicle, one criminal trespass, one hit and run, two VPLs, three DUIs, two reckless driving, one welfare check, and one running a red light.

Arrests made during the week were as follows: two for possession of marijuana, two for harassment and three for VPL.

The following traffic citations were issued during the week: three for speeding, one for driving while driver's license is suspended, one for reckless driving, one for running a red light, and two for DUI.

Daily activity highlights were as follows:
TUESDAY, APRIL 30 - Possible prowler reported at Mullins Apt. (1:03 a.m.); River stage - 10.25 feet (6:22 a.m.); Rescue run to the county landfill (10:02 a.m.); Wreck reported at Elba Elementary School (5:15 p.m.); Alarm at Williams Sign (10:19 p.m.).

WEDNESDAY, MAY 1 - Prowler reported on Lee St. (4:45 a.m.); River stage - 8.70 feet (6:23 a.m.); Rescue run to the Brookville Community (10:21 a.m.); Grass fire reported on Co. Rd. 415 (12:10 p.m.); Alarm (low water pressure) at Elba General Hospital (10:06 p.m.).

THURSDAY, MAY 2 - Rescue run to a residence on Brunson Circle (12:59 a.m.); River stage - 8.40 feet (6:50 a.m.); Rescue dispatched to a wreck on Co. Rd. 114 (3:45 p.m.); Disturbance reported on Putnam St. (6:18 p.m.); Burglary reported at Beaver Dam Apts. (9:34 p.m.).

FRIDAY, MAY 3 - River stage - 7.78 feet (6:19 a.m.); Alarm at Elba High School (6:34 a.m.); Rescue run to a residence on Neil Graham Dr. (9:25 a.m.); Wreck reported in The Peoples Bank parking lot (12:42 p.m.); Rescue run to Mullins Apt. (3:07 p.m.); Rescue run to a residence at Danley's Crossroads (8:15 p.m.); Disturbance (loud music) in Mulberry (9:50 p.m.); Disturbance (loud music) reported on Martin Luther King Dr. (10:57 p.m.).

SATURDAY, MAY 4 - Disturbance (loud music) in Mulberry Heights (1:17 a.m.); River stage - 7.05 feet (6:40 a.m.); Alarm at Movie Gallery (9:36 a.m.); Disturbance reported at Mullins Apt. (7:50 p.m.).

SUNDAY, MAY 5 - Alarm at the National Guard Armory (1:21 a.m.); River stage - 6.61 feet (6:21 a.m.);

In Praise of Mothers On Their Special Day



On Mother's Day, let's all set aside the "blame game" for 24 hours.

Yes, I know there are mothers who have abandoned their children. Yes, there are mothers who have sold their children for drugs. Yes, there are mothers who have let their boyfriends abuse their children.

But for just this one short day, let us set all of that aside and praise the good things moms have done for their children:

• It was your mother who taught you to laugh and smile. And without laughter, life is without savor.

• Because she nurtured you and fed you, you began to trust life. And life without trust is ever so harsh.

• It was your mother who insisted that you share your toys and give back to your brother his things. This is the beginning of respect for the rights of others, the beginning of justice in your life.

• It was she who taught you to accept "no" for an answer. And life without such discipline is irresponsible.

• She taught you how to pray. And without prayer, life is like stale bread.

• She taught you how to learn. And life without learning is a room without light.

• It was your mother loving you that empowered you to love in return, yourself as well as others. And life without love is night without day.

• It was your mother who taught you the songs of childhood, the songs of joy.

I know each and every one of our mothers had faults. Some had many faults and a few were even mean and nasty and cruel. But we rejoice on Mother's Day for the gifts our mothers gave us, which we received in humility and gratitude and which, to this day, light up our lives.

Let us praise the good gifts our mothers gave us, especially their sacrifices on our behalf. And let us thank God for them. Let us ask God to bless them with joy and contentment in this life and happiness throughout eternity.

But oh! beyond this shadow-land where all is bright and fair I know full well these dear old hands Will palms of victory bear Where crystal streams through endless years Flow over golden sands, And where the old grow young again, I'll clasp my mother's hands.

-McGuiffy's Reader, 1879

The above was written by Father Val Peter, executive director of Boys Town, the famous home for troubled boys and girls in Boys Town, Neb. and in California, New York, Louisiana, Texas, Florida, Nevada, Rhode Island, Iowa, Pennsylvania, Georgia and Washington, D.C.

They were: Brandi Talley, Margie Gay, Annie Burch, Brittany Amette, Raymond Miller, Francis Bryan, Marion Smith, Kayla Byrd, Mattie Graham, Hazel Bragg, Margie Beckworth, Betty Homayk, Jonathan Parworth, Willie Barnes, Annise Emory, Helen Horstead, Benzel Williams, J. I. Crocker, Edell Warren, and Linda Ellis.

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AREA DEATHS

VIRGIL RAYMOND ROGERS, JR.

Virgil Raymond Rogers, Jr., age 64 of Elba, Alabama died Sunday, May 5, 1996 in an Elba, AL hospital. Funeral services were held at 10:00 a.m., Wednesday, May 8, 1996 from the Hayes Funeral Home Chapel with Rev. Al Moore officiating.

Burial followed in the church cemetery with Dillard Funeral Home of Troy, AL directing.

Survivors include three sons and daughters-in-law, Randy and Glenda Sawyer and Mike and Phyllis Jackson, all of Douglasville, Georgia; Bill and Sally Sawyer of Mesquite, Texas; one daughter and son-in-law, Pat and Jack Green of Braselton, GA; 14 grandchildren; 18 great grandchildren; one sister, Cleo Wilton Logsdon.

Mr. Virgil Rogers was born in Denton, Kentucky on February 27, 1932. He graduated from the University of Kentucky in 1954 with a degree in electrical engineering. He received a commission in the Army Signal Corps after graduation and was stationed at Ft. Rucker, AL in 1956 to attend Flight School. In 1959 he resigned his commission in the Army and began a 37 year career as an instrument engineer, pilot, and manager.

He retired from Civil Service in 1987 and was employed by DYN-CORP at Ft. Rucker from 1990 until January of this year.

Memorial contributions may be made to the Arthritis Foundation, Schlerodermia Research, 300 Vestavia Parkway, Suite 3500, Birmingham, AL 35216, in memory of Virgil R. Rogers, Jr., Elba, AL.

Funeral services were held at 12:00 noon, Saturday, May 4, 1996 from the Church of God of Groveland, FL, with Bishop Willie Boone officiating. Marvin C. Zanders Funeral Home of Apopka-Winter Garden, FL directed the service.

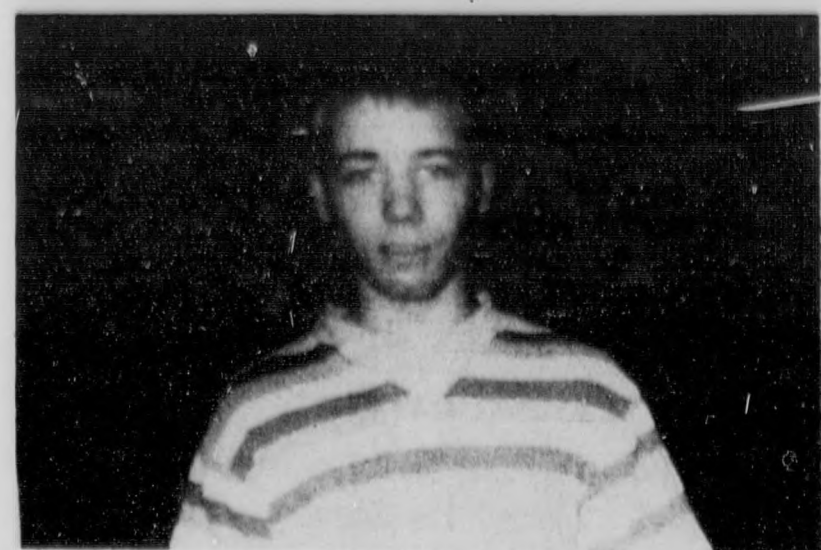
Survivors include three children, Grace, Tony, and Clyde Hart, Jr.; three grandchildren; four brothers, Wallace Belcher (Matteo) and Grover Belcher (Eria), all of Elba, AL; Collis Belcher of Louisville, AL; and Jack Belcher of Groveland, FL; two sisters, Inez Long (Joseph) of Grand Ole Opry stars Jim and Jesse Glenwood, AL; Estella Williams for both nights, The internationally (L.L.) of Elba, AL; Gussie Nell Hart known Lewis Family will perform Saturday night, and

Thursday Serv. 7:00 p.m.

9:00 a.m.	W.R. Fuller		CHURCH: Raymond Meigs	9:45 a.m.
9:30 a.m.	Sunday School	9:45 a.m.	Sunday School	11:00 a.m.
10:00 a.m.	Morning Worship	11:00 a.m.	Mem. Serv.	5:00 p.m.
10:30 a.m.	Church Training	5:00 p.m.	Church Training	6:00 p.m.
11:00 a.m.	Even. Ser.	6:00 p.m.	Even. Service	
11:30 p.m.	Wed. Prayer Meeting	7:00 p.m.		

ZOAR COMMUNITY CHURCH	
Richard and Pat Jones	
Sunday School	10:00 a.m.
Mem. Serv.	11:00 a.m.
Even. Service	6:00 p.m.
Thursday Ser.	7:00 p.m.

Co-Op Spotlight



by Marsha Tillis & Jarrod Adkinson

Will Oggs, a senior at EHS, is employed by Whitman Drug. His supervisors are Butch and Belle Oggs. Will stocks shelves, inventory, sets up shelves, and other duties. He began working there August 21, 1995. Will works from 12:00 to 4:00 each day. He says that his job teaches responsibility and helps improve self-discipline.

???Question Corner???

by Emily Crowe

What is your favorite radio station and why?
Quena Samu: 105.7 because it is "jammin'."
Cory Cook: 106.7 because it is a mix of all music.
Aaron Coleman: Hot 105.7 is my favorite radio station because it plays great music.
Bertha Mitchell: 105.7 because they have a lot of fast songs that I can dance to.
Stephen Parrish: 101.1 because it plays good country music all day long.
Britt Grimes: 101.1 because it is

Elba City Schools Menus

May 13-17, 1996

BREAKFAST	LUNCH
Monday - Toast & Jelly or Cereal, Juice, Milk.	Monday - Spaghetti, Field Peas, Crackers, Half Apple, Milk.
Tuesday - Pancakes w/Syrup or Cereal, Juice, Milk.	Tuesday - Corn Dog, Cheese & Macaroni, Turnips w/Pork, Half Orange, Milk.
Wednesday - Sausage & Biscuit or Cereal, Juice, Milk.	Wednesday - Pizza, Corn, Broccoli, Half Apple, Milk.
Thursday - Toast & Eggs or Cereal, Juice, Milk.	Thursday - Ham & Cheese Sandwich, French Fries, Mixed Vegetables, Dessert, Milk.
Friday - Breakfast Pizza or Cereal, Juice, Milk.	Friday - Chicken, Rice, English Peas, Rolls, Pear Half, Milk.

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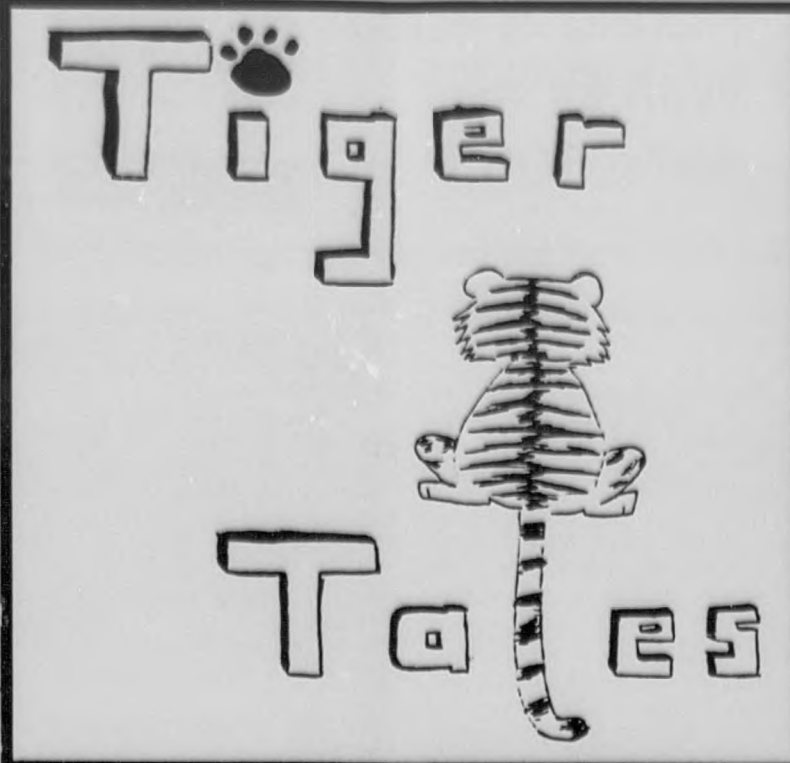
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STUDENT SPOTLIGHT



Pictured above (l-r) are: front row - Jessica Hall and Connie Cooper; back row - Vaughan Boyd and Kendra Vaughan.

by Kayla Phillips & Regina Austin
 Kendra Vaughan is the daughter of Alana and Ronnie Vaughan. She attends Elba United Methodist Church and she is a member of FFA, Jr. Beta, SADD, and Student Council. Her hobbies are playing volleyball, basketball, softball, and talking on the phone.
 Vaughan Boyd is the daughter of Lee and Harriette Boyd. She attends Elba United Methodist Church and she is a member of FFA, FFA, Jr. Beta, SADD, and Student Council. Her hobbies are playing volleyball, basketball, softball, and talking on the phone.
 Melissa Grantham is the daughter of Larry and June Grantham. She attends Elba United Methodist Church and she is a member of FFA, FFA, Jr. Beta, SADD, and Student Council. Her hobbies are playing softball, basketball, and volleyball.
 Connie Cooper is the daughter of Renita Marler and Bancroft Cooper. She attends First Baptist Church and she is a member of FFA, FFA, Jr. Beta, SADD, and Student Council. Her hobbies are cheering, dancing, and playing the saxophone.
 Jessica Hall is the daughter of Johnny Hall. She attends Faith Chapel and she is a member of Jr. Beta, FFA, and FFA. Her hobbies are playing softball, swimming, and band.

Youth Leading The Way

Three Elba High School students and Mrs. Donna Clark attended the State FFA meeting in Montgomery on April 19 and 20. The delegates attended informative meetings about FFA, elected 1996-1997 state officers and enjoyed meeting students from other FFA chapters around Alabama.

Thursday the students attended the opening session and awards ceremony. Awards were presented to chapters and individuals who had done outstanding work. During the awards ceremony, Elba FFA Chapter was presented two awards, The "Catch The Spirit Award" and the "Champions Chapter Award." These awards are presented because of the number of members in the chapter and the number of kinds of activities and projects the chapter has participated in during this year.

During the meeting Friday, state FFA business was conducted as well as state officer election and installation. The keynote speaker for the day was Mike Smith. He was very entertaining, while

COUNSELOR'S CORNER

FBLA Conference

Three members of the Elba High School Future Business Leaders of America Club attended the State Leadership Conference in Birmingham, Alabama on April 11-12. Attending the conference were Lisa Williams, Margo Gray and Curtis Gray. During the conference the students attended interesting meetings that helped them learn more about FBLA, elected state officers for 1996-1997, and enjoyed a dance where they had a chance to meet students from around the state. A highlight of the conference was the keynote address on Friday. The group "Three on a String" performed great music and kept everyone laughing.

Elba FBLA was recognized at the State Leadership Conference by being awarded the Hollis and Kitty Guy Gold Seal Chapter Award of Merit, Membership Achievement Award, the Eagle Chapter Award for completing the Alabama State Project and a certificate of recognition for entering the Local Chapter Annual Business Report contest. Attending and being recognized at the state conference was a great ending to a fun, rewarding year with FBLA.

Cowen Receives TSU Scholarship

Dr. Jack Hawkins Jr., chancellor of the Troy State University System, announced today that Edward Smith Cowen of 1040 E. Davis, Elba, Alabama is the recipient of the Chancellor's Award. Cowen will be a 1996 graduate of Elba High School. He is the son of Ed and Wynne Cowen of Elba, Alabama.

Since the late 1960's, Troy State University has awarded academic and leadership to outstanding high school and junior college graduates who have excelled in academics and/or displayed leadership in various academic-related pursuits.

The P.A.L.S. students from the Elba High School and the Elba Elementary attended the annual "Spring Fling" retreat on April 19 and 20. These students have worked together all year to become better students, leaders and citizens. This was the last retreat of the year and was a fun reward for their hard work and devotion to the P.A.L.S. program. These students along with the sponsor, Mrs. Donna Clark, arrived at Camp Chandler on Friday afternoon. The retreat began as usual with a welcome and songs in the outdoor chapel. One of the Elba students, Margo Gray, participated by going over the camp rules with the other students. After dinner, there was a great bonfire down by the lake. Around the fire, the students enjoyed songs, a devotion and a skit. The evening ended with a few games of tag, duck, duck, goose, basketball, volleyball and making friends with students from other schools. Saturday morning began with the raising of the flag. Elba little buddy Michael Henry assisted with this activity and Laythorn Tillis, an Elba big buddy gave the breakfast blessing. After breakfast, the activities planned included canoeing, speed boat riding, swimming, mountain bike riding and archery. The buddies could select which activities they wanted to enjoy. It was a fun morning and just when the little buddies thought they had had the best possible time, they heard about the carnival that was planned for the afternoon. During this time, they enjoyed cotton candy, making balloon animals, horse back riding and a moon walk activity. There were several carnival games such as ring toss, darts to pot balloons, golf, football toss and others. The students participating in these activities could win prizes. Since the activities were for the enjoyment of the buddies, they could enjoy one or all as many times as they wished. The carnival time was over all too soon and it was time to return home. It is almost time for this school year to end, but these students will remember not only the fun they had but the little buddies but they will be able to look back on the retreats, the zoo trip, and the parties and remember the fun times as well.

Recipes From Mrs. Grider's First Grade Class

- This is how I would make a cake. You put some milk in it. Then you mix it. Then you put it in the oven for 10 minutes. Then you can eat the cake.
Shambria
- This is how I would make chicken noodles soup. 1. Boil water for 0 min. 2. Get noodles. 3. Get chicken. 4. Cook your chicken noodles soup for 10 min. 5. Eat it!
Courney
1. This is how I would make noodles. 2. I put on a pot of water. 3. Then I put in noodles. 4. Cook 3 minutes. Then I ate it. It was good.
Sharquarius
- This is how I would make apple muffins. 1. I put apples in it. 2. I would put 3 teaspoon. 3. I would need some more apple. 4. I would eat it in the oven for 10 minutes.
Stephen
- This is how I would make pizza. First you roll the dough then you put the peppers on the pizza.
Blake
- This is how I would make macaroni and cheese. 1. Boil hot water for 10 minutes. 2. Pour macaroni in pot. 3. Pour 2c. of milk. 4. Put cheese on it. 5. Put 1/2c. of sugar. 6.
- Stir it. Eat it!
Brinanni
- This is how I would make chocolate chip cookies. I put chocolate in it. I put chocolate chips in it. I put it in a pan and let it bake for ten minutes. I ate it.
Victoria
- This is how I would make apple sauce. You put in water, apple, and 1 gram of sugar. Then put it in the oven for 5 minutes. Then you take it out and eat it.
Chafin
- This is how I make pizza. Put it on a plate put on pepperoni and cheese. Put it in the oven for 10 minutes.
Douglas
- This is how I would make pizza. I would 1. Put pepperoni. 2. Put in cheese. 3. Put it in the oven for 20 minutes. 4. Then you eat it. Very good. It is very good.
Josh
- This is how I would make a cake. You put egg and milk. Then the icing sprinkles and decorations. Then you eat the cake.
Melanie
- This is how I would make cookies. You put flower and colate chips.
- Put it in the oven for 10 minutes.
Traci Sparks
- This is how I make ice cream. Put stuff on a clean board. Take rolling pin, roll it on stuff. Put in apple. Put on stuff. Bake for 10 minis. You've got your apple pie.
Whitley Dianna Kilcrease
- This is how I would make green peas. Making green peas is putting some salt on it and to get ready is ten minutes. I put it on the plate and we eat it.
William Carpenter
- This is how I would make fruit cake. I would put in apples and oranges. Bake for 10 minutes take it out let it cool off. Eat it up!
Adam
- This is how I would make chitlins. This is the way you cook chitlins. You put it in a pot. You put in hot water. Then chitlins cook for 20 minutes.
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State Science Fair Winners

by Steve Hodge
 Recently Zion Chapel had nine students who went to Huntsville to participate in the State Science Fair at the University of Alabama at Huntsville. While there in Huntsville they went on a tour of the Space and Rocket Center, At the Rocket Center they rode various rides. They had a special awards picnic supper Friday night under the space shuttle. The awards program was held in the space museum. Morgan Hodge got the first place award in the Alabama Nature Conservancy, Athens Limestone Clean Community Commission, and U.S. Army Science and Engineering Program. She also got an honorable mention in the Environmental Science Category, and the TYA Environmental Research Group. Marcus Taylor got the first place award in the Association of Women Geoscientist, and Athens Limestone Clean Community Commission. He got the third place award in the TYA Environmental Science Category. Buddy Maddox got third place in Engineering Society and fourth place in the Engineering Category. Daphne Jirright and Billy Nelson got an honorable mention in the Botany Category.

Chris Archie, Buddy Maddox, Marcus Taylor, Jerod Jirright, Curt Sinson, Walter Herron, Billy Nelson, Daphne Jirright, Morgan Hodge, Mikonda Jones, and Laura Williams represented Zion Chapel well at both the Regional and State Science Fairs.

Z.C. Elementary Class Favorites Chosen

by Emily Sikos
 Each section of each grade level in elementary school choose class favorites. The kindergarten class favorites are John Wayne Lambert, Ashley Snellgrove, Jessie Carroll, Cody Arnold, Jeremy Sneed, and Jessica Wambles. John Wayne Lambert is the son of Keiff and Jane Lambert. John Wayne enjoys riding horses, playing baseball, playing Nintendo, and helping his mom in the garden. He wants to be a fire fighter when he grows up. Jeremy Sneed is the son of John and Julie Sneed. Jeremy enjoys playing baseball, and playing with his cars and trucks. When he grows up he would like to be an eye doctor. Ashley Snellgrove is the daughter of David and Renee Snellgrove. Ashley enjoys swinging and playing with her dog. She wants to be a cheerleader when she grows up. Jessica Wambles is the daughter of Mickey and Tanya Wambles. She enjoys riding her bicycle and watching Barney. Jessica wants to be a dentist when she grows up. Cody Arnold is the son of Tom Arnold and Marie Passalacqua. Cody enjoys playing baseball and football, fishing, hunting, and swimming. Jessie Carroll is the daughter of Terry and Kim Carroll. Jessie enjoys going to church, playing with her cats, riding her go-kart, and hunting with her daddy.

In first grade Hannah Manning, Kelley Roberts, Tyler Charter, Erica Lewis, Nathan Calhoun, and Jessica Powell were chosen as the class favorites. Jessica Powell is the daughter of Christopher Powell. She enjoys playing with her sister. When Jessica grows up she would like to be a doctor. Nathan Calhoun is the son of Tony and Patty Calhoun. Nathan enjoys playing football and baseball, riding bikes, and camping. When he grows up he would like to be a veterinarian. Tyler Charter is the son of Todd Charter and Kimberly Edgerly. Tyler's hobby is playing baseball, and he would like to be a professional baseball player when he grows up. Hannah Manning is the daughter of Johnny and Sherri Manning. Hannah enjoys collecting angels, T-ball, dancing, playing with Ginny Gymnast, and jumping on the trampoline. When Hannah grows up she would like to be an artist and have a family. Kelley Roberts is the son of Phillip and Stacy Roberts. Kelley enjoys playing football, hockey and baseball, rock collecting, and play guitar. When he grows up Kelley would like to drive monster trucks, and be a motorcycle racer.

The second grade class favorites are Jacob Cowart, Abe Childs, Katie Kelley, and Joshua Tracy. Katie Kelley is the daughter of Jeff and Libby Kelley. Katie enjoys dancing and skating. When she grows up Katie would like to be a lawyer. Joshua Tracy is the son of Jeannette Tracy. Joshua enjoys reading and playing kick ball and baseball. Joshua's goal in life is to be in a profession where he can help people. Abe Childs is the son of Alan and Trish Childs. Abe enjoys playing baseball, karate, fishing, reading and using the computer. When he grows up Abe would like to be a doctor.

FHA Members Attend State

by Hanna Whitt
 Ten members of Zion Chapel's Future Homemakers of America (FHA) attended the state meeting in Montgomery during the third week of April. The members enjoyed workshops, meetings, election of state officers, and different outings during their stay in Montgomery. The state convention is a meeting of all the FHA clubs in Alabama. The clubs meet to elect state officers and to participate in different competitions such as a competition for scholarships. During the meeting, two scholarships were awarded to students who are members of FHA and plan to prepare for a career related to FHA or Home Economics after graduation.

Business sessions are not all that are done at state meetings. The members were split up into two groups and attended workshops. One workshop dealt with safety. The main focus of the workshop was educating teens on the laws of drinking and driving, seat belts, and the selling of alcoholic beverages. The officers who presided over the workshop were from the Montgomery Police Department, Alabama State Troopers, and the Alabama Bureau of Control. Board. The officers put strong emphasis on the fact that automobiles accidents are the number one killer among teenagers. The emphasis on drinking and driving and the purchasing of alcoholic beverages was strong due to the fact that the next two months are prom months.



Pictured above (l-r) are: front row - Amanda Lewis, Hanna Whitt, and Heather Davis; back row - Renee Dismukes, Amanda Sanders, and Amy Eddins.



Community Co-Op Program

The Community Co-Op program allows students to gain work experience while still in high school. Part of the student's day is spent at school, and part of the day is spent on the job. The program is a community co-op where students can choose from any job field for their half day work.

While in school, cooperative education students take regular school subjects plus the cooperative education class. In the cooperative education class, the teacher-coordinator teaches job seeking skills, employment issues, working relationships, checking accounts, filing taxes, and many other important topics for working students.

To be eligible for the co-op program, the student must be a junior or senior, at least 16 years of age, and must be in good academic standing. Students are responsible for finding their own jobs, however the coordinator assists when possible. Students who are enrolled in the Community Co-Op Program are expected to work for the entire school year. Changing jobs is discouraged but is allowed under special circumstances with the permission of the coordinator. The students must work a

minimum of 15 hours per week in order to receive credit for the class. Once during each grading term, the co-op coordinator will visit the student's work place.

Three credits may be earned for the Community Co-Op-one credit for the co-op class and two credits for the work experience. In order to earn all three credits, students must follow the guidelines for the Community Co-Op Program which is signed by both the student and the parent/guardian at the beginning of the school year. There is also a \$15 fee for enrollment in the program.

A "business plan" was created by each member of Zion Chapel's co-op class as part of a recent study. Each student chose whether or not they wanted to work with a partner or to work alone. The students also decided on the type company they wanted to open, where it would be located, and the name of the company. After these decisions were made the students began to work on their business plan.

Mrs. Stacy Spears, the co-op coordinator, gave each student an outline of what each business plan must contain. The outline included introduction, analysis, advertisement, overview of the business, price list, and location and equipment. The introduction described the company, gave the goals of the first year, and listed a mission statement. This covered the overall company philosophy. In the analysis section the company's competitors were identified. The analysis also determined the affect competitors would have on the business and whether or not the business was offering something that a competitor could not.

Advertising was described in the next section of the plan. Examples of advertisements had to be included. In the overview of the business included a list of the products or services offered, how many hours would be spent in the business in a given week, and a sketch of the floor plan of the business, a price schedule for products, the location of the business and why the site was chosen. A description of what equipment would be needed for the business had to be included in the plan.

The fourth grade class favorites are Amber Henderson, Jonah McWaters, Macon Hodge and Ashley Smith. Amber is the daughter of Janet Henderson. She is ten years old. Amber enjoys football, playing with her friends, and talking on the phone. When Amber grows up she wants to be either a pediatrician or a lawyer. She wants to attend Troy State University. Jonah is the son of Wendell and Katie McWaters. He is ten years old. Jonah enjoys playing football. When Jonah grows up, he wants to play football for Alabama and the Dallas Cowboys.

In the fifth grade Ashley Wambles, Josh Roberts, Trista Seacat, and Brandon Arnold were chosen as the class favorites. Ashley is the daughter of Tim and Carla Wambles. Ashley enjoys going to her friends' homes. When Ashley grows up she wants to be a veterinarian. Josh is the son of Sherry Roberts and Ashley Wambles. Josh enjoys baseball, football, fishing, and wants to be a jet pilot when he grows up. Brandon is the son of old son of Donna Arnold. Brandon enjoys playing football, basketball, and hunting. Brandon wants to play football for Auburn University when he grows up.

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Hinote Places In Power Lift

Chris Hinote competed in the Wa-haw Power Lifting Meet held at Daleville High School. He placed second in the 132 pound class. He had to perform three lifts, a squat, a bench press and a dead lift. He had a squat of 290 pounds, a bench press of 230 pounds, and a dead lift of 300 pounds, compiling a total of 820 pounds. The first place winner also had a total of 820 pounds but he weighed six pounds less than Chris. The third place total was 570 pounds. Chris competed against students from schools in 1A through 6A classes.

Chris has improved his strength since the last weight meet in Wedowee two months ago. He moved up one class from the 123 pound class to the 132 pound class. He improved his squat by 55 pounds, his bench by 25 pounds, his dead lift by 25 pounds and his total by 105 pounds.

This was Chris' last weight meet this year and was his last in high school. He competed in twelve meets and placed in eleven meets, placing in the state meet twice. Chris said he has enjoyed competing for the position. In the essay, each candidate had to describe how he would do differently.

Hanna Whitt has been selected to serve as the 1996-97 Beta Club President. Officers were selected by Mrs. Sonya Shaw, club sponsor, on the basis of an essay submitted by each candidate explaining why each thought he was qualified for the position. In the essay, each candidate had to describe how he would do differently.

The other officers are Vice President Heather Vaughan, Secretary Angie Jirright, Treasurer Brian Sullivan, Sentinel Wyndi Rugg, Historians Beth Leverett and Amber Shiver, and Membership Chairperson Tiffany Lewis and Julie Carter.



Pictured above (l-r) are: front row - Wyndi Rugg and Heather Vaughan; second row - Angie Jirright and Beth Leverett; third row - Hanna Whitt, Amber Shiver, and Julie Carter. Brian Sullivan and Tiffany Lewis were unavailable for the picture.

Z.C.H.S. Tutorial Program

by Billie Jo Sanders
 The Zion Chapel sixth and seventh graders have been involved in a tutorial program. Dr. Linda Ingram, principal of Zion Chapel High School, was asked to answer some questions about the program.

The first question asked was what is the program's purpose. Dr. Ingram said that the purpose of the program was to provide motivation and assistance to improve the student's academic grades. The second question was about what the program was about. Officers from DARE, representative from TSU upward Bound, and representative from the Coffee County Juvenile Court have been guest speakers. A creative writing unit and a study skills unit have been taught. Persons helping with the after-school program are senior BETA Club members. Mrs. Ingram, elementary counselor; Mrs. Sonya Shaw and Mr. Blair Andrews, instructors of English; Mr. Pat Taylor, high school guidance counselor; and Dr. Ingram.

The third question asked was what awards have been given and to whom those awards have been given. The students suggested some awards and then

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Views From... THE PRESSBOX

By Ricky Mularz, Sports Editor

It was just another in a long line of "relaxing" weekends for the kids in the Mularz house, as this time it was big sister Melissa that put in an 18-hour Saturday and didn't want to get out of bed the next day. She woke up at 5:00 a.m. Saturday morning to get ready to leave for a softball tournament, then after getting to play in five games in a seven-hour span, took a shower and headed out to help dear old Dad celebrate his birthday. The long day came to an end after a few hours fighting with Nintendo, and I'm sure the bed felt mighty good. Next week? Nope, just more of the same!

ELBA LADY TIGERS KEEP SOFTBALL SEASON ALIVE

The Elba Lady Tigers carried a 7-17 record into last weekend's Section 2 Softball Tournament and were hardly the favorites in the five-team field, but overcame a rash of injuries and stiff competition to place second and earn a spot in this week's Sub-State Series, in Mobile. One 8th grader and two 7th graders were forced into action in the tournament, but the youngsters fed off the leadership of the four senior starters, and the combination was a successful tournament. Elba's girls began the season with nine straight losses and could have hung up their cleats, but the girls just kept on working and in the past three weeks have posted a 9-8 record. The Lady Tigers will be big underdogs again this week when they travel to Mobile; however, they are used to being in that role, and win or lose, you can be certain they'll give it all they've got.

HONORS KEEP PILING UP FOR ELBA'S MCKINNON

Elba's Ronald McKinnon was in Phoenix last week at the Cardinals pre-season NFL camp, and while working out for the pro coaches, received yet another honor as he was named the "Male College Athlete of the Year" in Alabama by the Alabama Sportswriters Association. McKinnon was selected over all the other college athletes in the state in all divisions, and can now be called the state's best male college athlete. Quite an honor!

IN CLOSING...

***Pro baseball seems to be a long way from getting back many of the fans it lost last season during the strike. The crowds at the games are still way down from years past, and the TV ratings are also on the low end of the scale. The fans found something else to do during the strike and now don't need the sport.

***The New Brockton Lady Gamecocks won their Section tournament last weekend and now seem like a lock to make it back to the State Tournament. Coach Trent Trawick and his girls struggled at times this season, but peaked just at the right time and now appear ready to make a run at the title.

***The NBA playoffs are underway...who cares?

Elba closes out regular season with 7-17 slate

The Elba Tigers closed out the regular season with a record of 7-17 last week with a closing split of a double-header with Luverne.

The Lady Tigers dropped the opener 6-2, but rallied to take the nightcap 5-2.

Following are highlights of last week's action:

LUVERNE 6 ELBA 2
Luverne scored the first three runs of the game and the final three runs of the game to outscore the Elba Lady Tigers 6-2.

Elba plated two runs in the fourth inning to pull within 3-2, but failed to score again and suffered

the loss.

Chastity Williams and Jama Windham both got 1 hit and scored one run to lead Elba.

ELBA 5 LUVERNE 2

The Elba Lady Tigers led all the way to earn the split with a 5-2 win.

The Lady Tigers scored 2 runs in the opening inning to grab a quick lead and added 3 runs in the sixth to hold on for the win.

Wendy Boutwell got one hit and scored one run, while allowing only five hits, to spark the Lady Tigers to the win.

CARDINALS 15 PIRATES 14

The Cardinals jumped ahead early and held on to edge the Pirates 15-14.

Billy Crawford, Brad Sullivan, Raymar Rogers, Chase and Steven all scored 2 runs for the Cardinals, while Mark, Steven and David all scored twice for the Pirates.

ELBA 12 REHOBETH 2

The Elba Lady Tigers pounded

Rehobeth 12-2.

Michelle Lewis and Melissa Grantham both got 2 hits to lead Elba, while Wendy Boutwell added one hit and scored two runs.

INDIANS 11 CUBS 9

The Indians outscored the Cubs in both at-bats to claim an 11-9 win.

Trey, Nathan, Ryan and Drew all scored 2 runs for the Indians,

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Sports

Place second at Section 2 tourney

Lady Tigers earn sub-state berth

The Elba Lady Tigers competed in the Class 3A, Section 2 Softball Tournament last weekend in Hartford and claimed three wins in five games to claim runner-up honors and earn a spot in this week's Sub-State Series, in Mobile.

The wins upped Elba's record for the regular season to 10-19 and returned the Lady Tigers to Sub-State play after a one-year absence. Following are highlights of the five games in Section 2 action:

ELBA 18 SLOCUMB 13

The Elba Lady Tigers scored eight runs in the final two innings to pull away and turned back a late challenge to outscore the Slocumb Lady Red Tops 18-13, in the tourney opener.

The Lady Tigers jumped out to a quick 3-0 lead in the opening inning, but couldn't put Slocumb away, and led only 7-6 after three innings. Elba pushed across three runs in the top of the fourth to stretch its lead to 10-6, and kept on scoring as its lead went to 18-8 in the top of the seventh. The Lady Tigers watched Slocumb score six runs in the bottom of the seventh to close the gap, but Elba held on and claimed the 18-13 win.

Melissa Grantham got 4 hits and Chastity Williams added 3 to lead Elba, with Williams ripping a 3-run homer. Wendy Boutwell got the win and recorded five strike-outs.

REHOBETH 10 ELBA 0

The Elba Lady Tigers managed only one hit in six innings as the Rehobeth Lady Rebels claimed an easy 10-0 win, in the finals of the winner's bracket.

Rehobeth scored six runs in the bottom of the first to take command and Elba's bats never woke up as the Lady Tigers fell into the loser's bracket.

Chastity Williams got the only Elba hit.

ELBA 11 LUVERNE 6

The Elba Lady Tigers exploded for seven runs in the fourth inning to grab the lead and never looked back as they eliminated Luverne 11-6.

Luverne pulled out to a 4-1 lead after three innings as the Lady Tigers bats remained quiet; however, Elba combined three hits with eight

Luverne errors in the fourth to score seven runs and grab an 8-4 advantage. Luverne closed the deficit to 8-5 in the sixth, but Elba

plated three runs in the seventh to put the win on ice and secure a spot in Sub-State action.

Michelle Lewis and Melissa Grantham both got 2 hits to lead Elba, while Wendy Boutwell added one hit and scored two runs.

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ELBA LADY TIGERS...The runner-up trophy and a berth in this week's Sub-State Series was a consolation prize for the Elba Lady Tigers in last week's Class 3A, Section 2 Softball Tournament. Elba placed second in the five-team tournament, held in Hartford.



LADY TIGER SENIORS...(L-R) Wendy Boutwell, Wyndy Baker and Jama Windham were all smiles after taking runner-up honors last weekend.

out 17 hits and committed only 3 errors to clobber the Rehobeth Lady Rebels 12-1, to move into the tourney finals.

The Lady Tigers ripped off seven straight hits in the opening inning to grab a quick 5-0 lead and never let up as they claimed three runs in the third, and two runs in the fifth and sixth, to claim the impressive win.

Michelle Lewis got 2 hits to lead Elba.

PIRATES 12 MARLINS 4

The Pirates rallied late to post a 10-4 win over the Marlins.

Lance Bailey ripped a double and a triple and scored 3 runs to lead the Pirates, while Jerry Dubose added one hit and scored 2 runs.

Danny Toole got 2 hits for the Marlins.

MARLINS 13 MARINERS 6

The Marlins scored 10 runs in their final three at-bats to claim a 13-6 win over the Mariners.

Jason McKenzie got 4 hits and Danny Toole added 3 to lead the Marlins, while Josh Lewis added 2

hits and scored 4 runs. Flowers and Paul both got 2 hits for the Mariners.

RANGERS 14 ASTROS 12

The Rangers scored in every inning to blank the Astros 14-2.

Derrick Duncan got 3 hits to lead the Rangers, while Kevin Dodd, Dustin Simson, Jeremy Dawkins, Clint Cowen and Eric Jordan all added 2.

Brian Brunson ripped a triple and scored a run to lead the Astros.

MARLINS 17 ASTROS 1

The Marlins broke loose late to post a wild 17-1 win over the Astros.

Austin Harris ripped a double and scored 3 runs to lead the Marlins, while Brooks Creel and Lance Bailey both got 2 hits and combined to score 5 runs to lead the Pirates, while Andrea Flowers got 1 hit and scored a run for the Marlins.

PIRATES 12 MARINERS 2

The Pirates pulled ahead early and pulled away late to dump the Mariners 12-2.

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PIRATES 20 ASTROS 2

The Pirates scored 12 runs in the first inning to take command and rolled to an easy 20-2 win over the Astros.

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Doug Orr got 2 hits for the Astros.

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BREWERS 25 ATHLETICS 5

The Brewers scored, and scored, and scored as they posted a big 25-5 win over the Athletics.

Ralston Moore and Derrick Thomas both got 2 hits and combined to score six runs to lead the Brewers, while Hayden Osborn also added 2 hits and scored twice.

Clark Skinner got 2 hits for the Athletics.

TWINS 14 BLUE JAYS 10

The Twins scored five runs in their final at-bat to rally past the Blue Jays 14-10.

Adam Frederick ripped a triple and a home-run to lead the Twins, while Austin Boothe scored 3 runs.

Patrick Ogleby scored 3 runs and Kyle English got 2 hits to lead the Blue Jays.

BRUVES 6 ROCKIES 2

The Braves led all the way to outscore the Rockies 6-2.

Eric Stokes got 2 hits to lead the Braves, while Lance Suley got 1 hit and scored one run. Mitch Downing got one hit and scored a run for the Rockies.



HEADING FOR HOME...a Tee-Ball player heads for home plate after rounding the bases. Tee-Ball is played on Monday, Tuesday and Thursday nights at 6:00.

Pirates & Marlins atop Babe Ruth standings

The Elba Babe Ruth Baseball League has started its season and after three weeks of action it looks like another exciting season for the players and fans.

Following are highlights of early season action:

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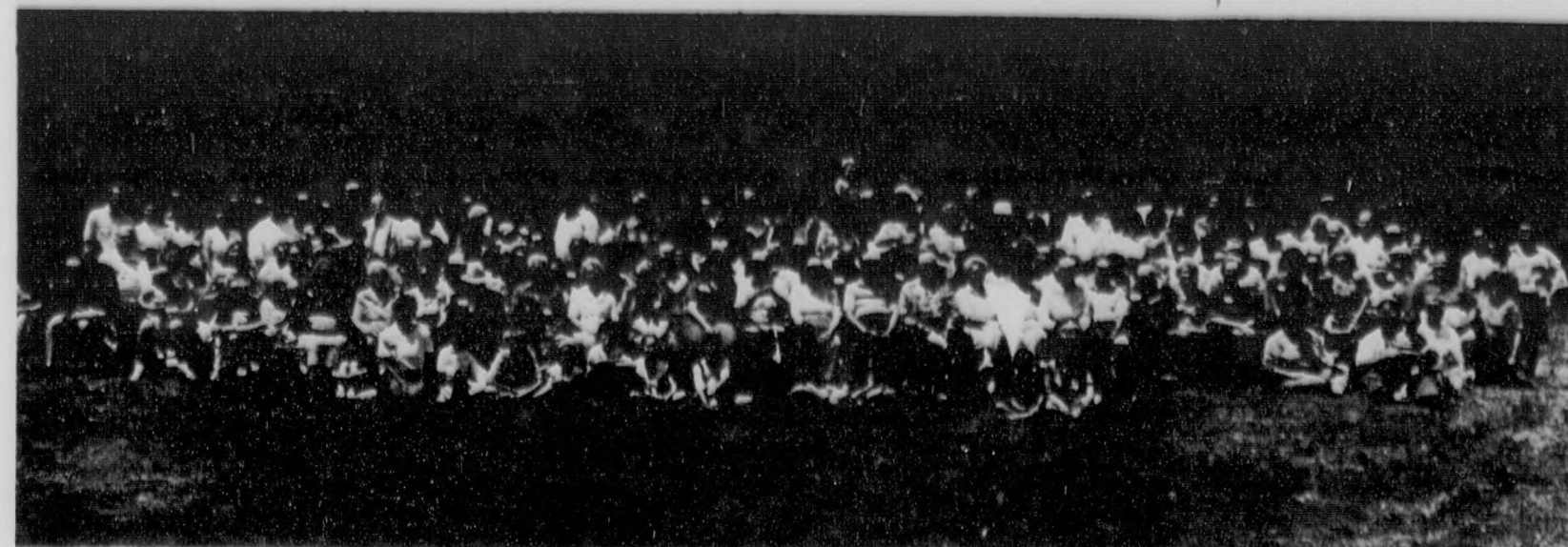
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Donna Bragg Cooper holds sixteen month old daughter, Lydia Amanda, of Panama City, Florida. She is a granddaughter of Wyeth and Gloria Whaley Bragg, and great granddaughter of Lois Brunson Whaley, all of Elba.



Coming the greatest distance was Judy Hyde Griffin of Anchorage, Alaska, formerly of Talladega, Alabama. Judy is a daughter of Dorothy Brunson Hyde and the late E. Hyde, owners of the world famous Purefoy Hotel. She is a niece of the late Eva Brunson Purefoy, hotel founder. Judy is pictured with Judge Marion Brunson of Elba, reunion sponsor.

More than three hundred relatives gathered at the family picnic area on the Brunson farm in Elba on April 21, 1996 for their one hundred forty-third annual Brunson Reunion in Coffee County.

The reunion began in 1853 as a birthday celebration for Matthew Brunson, patriarch of the seven generations of Brunsons who have lived in this county. Blanchard and their six children: Josiah Pinckney, Matthew II, Silas Eugene, Anna and Sarah (Sally) came to Coffee County in seven wagons, they camped and built a kitchen. The next year, 1854, they built the plantation home which continues to stand in Coffee County and is believed to be the oldest residence in Coffee County. The following year, 1855, their last child, John Franklin, was born. They family then consisted of five sons and two daughters.

Through the years, the legacy has continued from one generation to another. Sponsors for the historic reunion have been the late: Matthew Brunson II, Arthur Brunson, Will Brunson, Ben Brunson, and Fox Brunson. The reunion this year was on Fox Brunson's 95th birthday.

Since 1977, the reunion sponsor has been Judge Marion Brunson. He is assisted by his wife, Nancy, and their two sons, Bailey and Matt.

The traditional barbecue lunch is served each year. Maynard Brunson, Greg Brunson, Bobby Brunson, Billy Joe Brunson, Foyel Brunson, and Bailey and Matt Brunson treat the family to an outstanding meal. Basket dinners are always in abundance under the picnic shelter.

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Miss Coffee County Pageant winners announced



MISS COFFEE COUNTY... Pictured above are the winners of the Miss Coffee County pageant held recently. They are (l to r): Tracey Sizemore, second runner-up; Katherine Marsh, winner; and Jessica Venturi, first runner-up.



MISS TEEN COFFEE COUNTY... Pictured above are the winners of the Miss Teen Coffee County pageant held recently. They are (l to r): Ryan Duffy, third runner-up; Brandy Dufaine, first runner-up; Lindsey Snellgrove, winner; Jasmine Gordon, fourth runner-up; and Brandy Senn, second runner-up.



LITTLE MISS COFFEE COUNTY... Pictured above are the winners of the Little Miss Coffee County pageant held recently. They are (l to r): Samantha Alcorn, second runner-up; Ashlyn Jones, first runner-up; Jessica Lunsford, winner; Cassey Manning, fourth runner-up; and Haley Robinson, third runner-up.



PETITE MISS COFFEE COUNTY... Pictured above are the winners of the Petite Miss Coffee County pageant held recently. They are (l to r): Samantha Alcorn, second runner-up; Ashlyn Jones, first runner-up; Jessica Lunsford, winner; Cassey Manning, fourth runner-up; and Haley Robinson, third runner-up.

Taylor Leandra Creel celebrates fourth birthday

Taylor Leandra Creel, daughter of Joseph and Tonya Creel of Elba, was four years old April 29, 1996. Taylor was honored with a "Pocahontas" party on Saturday, April 27th, at her Mom-Maw's (Sherry Young) house. Those helping her celebrate included her parents; grandmothers, Sherry Young and Peggy Creel; great grandmother, Cora Nell Dodson; Kevin Bryan; David, Cindi, and Lindsay Haley; Colton Creel; Sandy, Brad, and Megan Sullivan; Glenda and Justin Mallory; Dana Calhoun; Autumn Sasser; Hannah Miller; April and Jonathan Kelley.



Taylor Leandra Creel

Kappa Delta Pi holds initiation

The Troy State University chapter of Kappa Delta Pi has announced the names of the students who were initiated spring quarter. Ashley Camille Oglesby of Elba, AL has been initiated into the TSU chapter. Oglesby, a special education major, is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Fred Oglesby of Elba, AL.

Kappa Delta Pi, the oldest honor society at Troy State University, is an international honor society which recognizes outstanding contributions to education. It invites people who exhibit commendable personal qualities, worthy educational ideals, and sound scholarship. The society endeavors to maintain a high degree of professional growth by honoring achievement in educational work.

Area TSU Winter Graduates announced

Troy State University Chancellor Jack Hawkins Jr. conferred 490 bachelor's and master's degrees during TSU's 109th annual winter commencement exercises Friday, March 15. Among the graduates was Jason Kirby Lawford of Elba, AL receiving a bachelor's degree in nursing.

EHS Band Spring Awards Concert to be held

The Spring Awards Concert for the Elba 5th, 6th, 7th grade bands and the Elba High School Band will be held Tuesday, May 14, 1996 at 7:30 p.m. at Elba High School.

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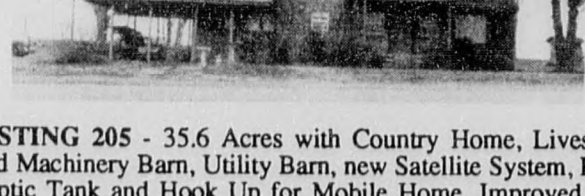
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Frank Hutchison of Seminole, Florida, with his three daughters: Darlene Hunter of Troy, Karen Walker of Largo, Florida, and Valerie Hutchison of Atlanta, Georgia, all met in Elba for the Brunson Reunion.



Youngest and oldest attending the 1996 Brunson Reunion: Robert Fink III, born February 9, 1996, son of Kimberly Nunziato Fink, grandson of Charles Nunziato Jr., and great grandson of Charlie Blanche McKinnon Nunziato, all of Daytona Beach, Florida; and Henry Clayton Tindol, age 95, of the Old Tabernacle Community of North Coffee County. He is the husband of the late Virginia Brunson Tindol.



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the purpose of entering into a franchise agreement.

This will be rescheduled for the next council meeting which will be held on Monday, June 3.

Councilman Robert Miles expressed his appreciation for the many acts of kindness toward him and his family during the sudden loss of their daughter.

"New Brockton is a great place to live," said Miles.

Other matters acted on by the council were as follows:

***Approved the purchase of a computer printer for the police department at a cost of \$200.

***Approved the additional cost for sending the police chief to a seminar in Eufaula.

***It was noted that the county had not done any work on Byrd Mill Road as requested at the last council meeting. A letter, from the council, requesting the work to be done without any further responsibility from the county was sent to the county commission.

***Approved the purchase of a riding lawn mower from Lowe's at a cost of \$1,297.00 plus \$227 for a catcher.

***Approved the installation of a water pump for one of the police cars at a cost of \$249.00.

Zion Chapel Elementary School Honor Roll

"A" Honor Roll

First Grade
Adam Carter, Tiffany Liptrot, Audriana Mills, Jessica Powell, Loyd White, Matthew Williams, Corey Grissett, Erica Lewis, Whitney Bailey, Samantha Brown, McKinley Arnette, Kristen Blake.

Second Grade

Katie Kelley, Courtney Dykes, Heather Sanders, Joshua Cole, Abe Childs, Lashonda Cole, Jacque Cowart, Melanie Perry, Keri Flowers.

Third Grade

Levi Brown, Lance Dickey, Clay Lewis, Kristen McLendon, Michael Sneed, Adam Stockman, Timothy Winters, Nicole Brown, Anna Edmondson, Meta Gatlin, Maegan Johnson, Laura Morton.

Fourth Grade

Jeremy Eddins, Allan Harrison.

Fifth Grade

Amanda Perry, James Simmons, Courtney Tracy, Jonah Edmondson.

"A-B" Honor Roll

First Grade
Tiffany Body, Tyler Chartier, Justin Deal, Keagan Evans, Tabitha Farmer, Ashley Parrish, Nathan Calhoun, Lemar Hammond, Chris Luckenbaugh, Amy Coate, Buddy Parker, Matt Jacobs, Hannah Manning, Kelly Quattlebaum, Kelsey Roberts, Jennifer Taylor.

Second Grade

Morgan Kelly, Ken Hobbs, Donna Flowers, Byron McWaters, Haley Wambles, Johnny Marler, Allen Carr, Ashley Barnett, Lara Lea Beasley, Jennie Wilkerson, Chance Winters, Clay Nelson, Anna Mills, D. J. Stinson, Emily Chapman.

Third Grade

Megan Barnett, Leanna Hammond, Charlie Hurd, Earl Jacobs, Chris Leger, Kenna Roberts, Austin Smith, Joshua Smith, Hanson Wood, Shannon Allen, Justin Bragg, Chris Farmer, Roy King, Dusty Sawyers, Courtney Smart, Luke Taylor, Casey Hyatt, Zach Legg.

Fourth Grade

Jason Danley, Haley Flowers, Macon Hodge, Anna Miller, Keri Senn, Ashley Smith, Derek Taylor, Anna Anderson, Leigh Anne Baltham, Wesley Grant, Amber Henderson, Bobby Pennington, Jamey White III.

Fifth Grade

Jessica Albritton, Shane Britt, Kala Bundrick, Russell Faircloth, Jarred Flowers, Ashley Wambles, Brandon Arnold, Tracy Banks, Craig Flowers, Jessica Hathcock, Samantha McWaters, Michael Rayburn, Trista Seacat, Jennifer Smith, Ashley Wallace.

All "B's"

First Grade

Aaron Wheeler.

Air Force News



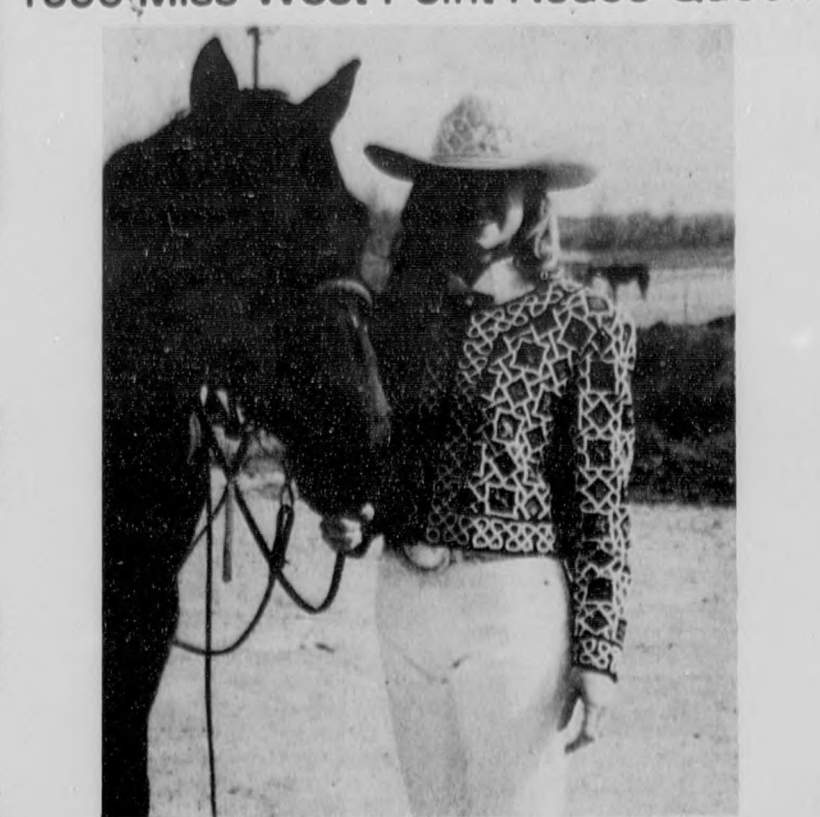
Air Force Airman Melissa D. Jones has graduated from basic military training at Lackland Air Force Base, Texas.

Jones is the daughter of Belinda K. Heaslip and Lamar Bradshaw of New Brockton, AL. She is a 1992 graduate of New Brockton High School.

Reception To Honor ESJC President

Enterprise State Junior College faculty, staff, and students will honor the college's third president, Dr. Stafford L. Thompson, at a reception on Friday, May 31, 6:00-7:30 p.m. in the Student Center Multipurpose Room. The public is invited.

1996 Miss West Point Rodeo Queen



Miss Robyn Rhoades is the "1996 Miss West Point Rodeo Queen" of Cullman, Alabama. On April 6, Robyn won the title after the pageant which was sponsored by the West Point Band Boosters. The West Point Rodeo was held on April 19 and 20 at the Cullman County Agricultural Center. Miss Rhoades represented herself and West Point well throughout both evenings. Robyn is the daughter of Myrna Cotton and Jim Rhoades. She is very involved in Animal and Dairy Sciences and Pre-Veterinary Medicine at Auburn University.

Linda Sue LaRose received the Editor's Choice Award for Outstanding Achievement in Poetry Presented by the National Library of Poetry. The following poem is her award winning submission.

O Child of Mine

O child of mine, O child of mine
Why did you desert me this way?
I birthed you, I took care of you.
Now I hardly see you in days.
Weeks and months go by and
You still won't come around.
I long to see your face and talk with you,
But you are no longer around.
Just a card for my birthday
Or a Happy Mother's Day wish.
I am getting old and you don't care,
But see, I still love you so.
You say you're too busy
With your job and family
To come by and say hi to me.
No matter what time of day,
I long to see your face.
Don't forget, my dear, you will be
Old someday, and I wonder if you will say;
O child of mine, O child of mine,
Why did you desert me this way?

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Ziglar trial ends with hung jury

by Marvin McIlwain - Editor

Last Friday afternoon, Owen Ziglar's third trial ended in a hung jury with a mistrial being declared by Circuit Judge William "Bill" Barr late in the afternoon.

Ziglar's third trial began Monday with the jury composed of four women and eight men getting the case Thursday afternoon.

The jury deliberated the remainder of the day Thursday and returned early Friday morning continuing in their deliberation all day. They reported to Judge Barr that they were hopelessly deadlocked and further deliberation would be fruitless.

Ziglar was originally charged with murder in the 1990 shotgun slaying of Edward Lamar Kelley. He was convicted on the lesser charge of manslaughter in a 1991 trial.

In 1993, the 1991 conviction was overturned by the Alabama Court of Criminal Appeals and a new trial was ordered. The appeals court ruled that Ziglar's estranged wife was forced to testify against him.

The case was retried in December of 1994 and the jury was unable to reach a verdict, thus causing a mistrial to be declared.

During the course of the trial, the prosecution attempted to show that Ziglar shot Kelley through the door of his mobile home, then drove to the home of Douglas Taylor in Opp where he allegedly planned to shoot him also.

Ziglar was later arrested at his home near Elba where a shotgun, believed to be the weapon that fired the fatal shot, was taken from the trunk of his car.

A firearms expert testified that an empty shotgun shell found at the scene of the shooting had been loaded in the shotgun found in Ziglar's car; however, he could not say for certain that it had been fired by that particular shotgun.

The state must now decide whether or not to try Ziglar a fourth time. Another term of criminal court is scheduled for October 4, 1996 and it is possible that the case could be placed on that docket.

Ziglar can not be tried or convicted of any charge greater than that of manslaughter. Should he be tried and convicted, he could be sentenced up to 20 years in prison.

Members of Kelley's family stated that they would press for another trial. Friday afternoon, members of the District Attorney's Office would not comment on whether or not the case would be retried.

Courthouse resolution approved

by Marvin McIlwain - Editor

The major topic of discussion in Monday's meeting of the Coffee County Commission was the proposed new courthouse in Enterprise.

Dr. Bruce Donaldson, speaking on behalf of the Coffee County Public Building Authority (CCPBA), presented a resolution to the commissioners for their approval.

The resolution, from the commission, requested, authorized and directed the CCPBA to proceed with acquisition and construction of a new county courthouse in Enterprise.

It further addresses the financing of the new courthouse by authorizing the authority to issue warrants in the maximum principal amount of \$4.5 million.

The bonds (warrants) will mature in an estimated 20 years and will be payable from rent derived by the authority from the leasing of the courthouse to the county.

Rental of the facility will be on a year-to-year basis and will be funded from the general fund's current revenues.

It was noted that so far no funds (grants) are available through state and federal agencies; however, the authority is staying in touch with state and federal representatives should such funding come available.

Donaldson, in his presentation, commented that the authority, in talking with four different architectural firms, had seen proposed structures containing from 29,000 square feet to 51,000 square feet.

He stated that cost estimates ranged from \$92 to \$110 per square foot, not including the cost of land acquisition.

The authority recommended to the commission that the new structure be built on land already owned by the county - directly behind the present structure.

The commission voted unanimously to approve and sign the resolution presented by the authority.

There was a large crowd in attendance at Monday's meeting; however, after the authority's resolution passed, the majority of people departed.

In another courthouse related matter, the commission accepted the low bid of \$68,775.00 to install new windows in the Elba Courthouse. Enco Construction of Enterprise was the low bidder on the project.

County Engineer Randy Tindell presented several matters to the commission including a list of surplus equipment he wished to place in an auction to be held in Geneva County on June 22.

The equipment consists of the following: a Jeep CJ-5 (year unknown), a 1986 Chevrolet Celebrity, a 1988

Chevrolet Suburban, a 1975 Dodge B200 Sport Van, a 1989 JCB Backhoe.

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White's pay reinstated for ten day suspension

By Ferrin Cox, Publisher

The Elba City Council was in executive session Monday evening from 6:35 to 7:45 at the request of police officer Randy White and his attorney.

Following the council's return to the open meeting, a motion was made by council member Earl McCollough, and passed, reinstating White's pay for a ten day suspension in April. The motion was also to clear his personnel records of any reference to the incident.

Mayor Ricky Haywood abstained from voting on the issue. After the vote was recorded he explained, "This is another situation where the police department is being micromanaged by this council and it places severe strain on our department heads."

The council had approved the suspension of White by the police chief in a previous executive session. However, since that time, statements which conflicted with their understanding of the incident during that closed door session led to this reversal of an action. Council members have declined to comment when asked if this was related, in any way, with the recent firing of Police Chief Bruce Peacock.

Council member Ben Carpenter was absent due to sickness and Council member Brad Wilson was out of town.

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Cowen & Williams to lead Elba City School Board

By Ferrin Cox, Publisher

Myrna Cowen was named chair person of the Elba City School Board for the coming year in action by the board last Thursday evening. She had been serving as vice chair person for the past year.

Cowen replaced Daniel Stephens in that position. While Stephens is stepping down from the leadership position, he remains a member of the school board.

Board member Reverend Aubrey Williams was selected to fill the position of vice chair person.

The board also approved the retirement request of high school teacher Jean Helms, who is retiring after 30 years with the Elba school system. In her retirement request, Helms expressed appreciation to her alma mater for both the education she received in the school and for her years of teaching experiences.

The resignation of elementary teacher Lisa Sutley was accepted.

Sutley is moving to Hawaii after nine years in the Elba system.

Superintendent Charles Pearce reported on the recently completed SAT-9 testing. The scores have not been returned, however Pearce said

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City requests help of residents in disposing of trash

The City of Elba is requesting that citizens separate their rubbish at curbside. This will be a money saver for the City and ultimately for the citizens.

Leaves, limbs, untreated lumber, ect should be placed in one pile while furniture, appliances, etc. should be stacked separately.

Ray Blocker enters District One commissioner's race

Ray Blocker has announced his candidacy for the office of Coffee County Commissioner, District 1.

Blocker was born and raised in Coffee County and resides in the Woodland Grove Community.

Since retiring from the Army Reserves and Civil Service in 1989, he has been a part-time farmer and works part-time with the Girl Scouts as a ranger at Camp Humming Hills located near Elba.

Ray is not a professional politician, but he cares deeply about the people of Coffee County, and would consider the needs and concerns of all - not a select few.

His duties as a ranger leaves him plenty of time to communicate with the people of Coffee County and represent District 1.

"There will be seven commissioners elected to the board of commissioners, each representing one of the districts of Coffee County," said Blocker. "Any one commissioner cannot promise specific actions other than to consider all sides of any issue presented to the board, and vote

to help make Coffee County a better place to live and raise a family."

Blocker stated, "If elected, I promise to travel all the roads in District 1 once a month, stay in touch with all the people, and to be aware of the needs of the people in Coffee County."



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Charles Walker running for second term on BOE

Charles Walker has announced his candidacy for the Coffee County School Board from District 1.

Walker, the son of Dixon and Lena Walker of Jack, is a graduate of Troy State University with a B.S. degree in history and education.

He has a masters degree in administration and supervision from Valdosta State University.

Charles says he is excited about this election. "This gives me the opportunity to promote and highlight the success of our schools, students, and personnel," he said.

"As chairman of the Coffee County Board of Education, and as a father of children in the county schools, I am proud to say that our student test scores continue to be above state average."

"Our student enrollment continues to rise and each classroom has up-to-date computer technology. I am proud to be a part of this progress."

Walker said, "I encourage each of you to become involved with our schools and with your support, we can continue to provide the opportunity for a quality education in Coffee County schools."

"With your support and vote on June 24, 1996, I can continue to represent District 1 on the Coffee County Board of Education," concluded Walker.

HAPPENINGS

RELAY FOR LIFE This year's Relay for Life, sponsored by the American Cancer Society, will be held Friday & Saturday, May 17 & 18, 1996, from 7:00 p.m. until 7:00 a.m. The event will take place on the athletic field at Enterprise State Junior College. For more information contact LaWanda Grill at 347-0048 or 393-6848.

BAND DAY AUCTION. There will be a Band Day Auction held Saturday, May 18, on the Courthouse Square in Elba. The auction is scheduled to begin at 11:00 a.m. with items to be auctioned going on display at 10:00 a.m. Everyone is encouraged to come out and support the Elba Tiger Marching Band. For more information contact Rhonda Stephens at 897-3357 or Jeff Ellis at 897-2266.

VOTER REGISTRATION DEADLINE. The deadline for registering to vote in the June 4th primary election is Friday, May 24, 1996.

GRADUATION DATES ANNOUNCED. Elba High School - Tuesday, May 28, 1996 at 7:00 p.m. in the high school auditorium - Doors will be closed at 7:00 p.m.; Zion Chapel High School - Thursday, May 23, 1996, at 8:00 p.m. in Green Memorial Stadium on campus; Kinston High School - Thursday, May 23, 1996, at 7:00 p.m. in the school's auditorium; New Brockton High School - Thursday, May 23, 1996, at 8:00 p.m. in the football stadium on campus.